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SUBJECT: VATICAN STATE PASSPORTS

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1. AS INDICATED 22 CFR 42.112, NOTE 2, VATICAN PASSPORTS
VALID FOR RETURN VATICAN CITY CONSIDERED TO MEET REQUIRE-

MENTS SECTION 101(A)(30). SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT
SECTION 101(A)(30) DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT BEARER OF PASS-
PORT POSSESS NATIONALITY OF COUNTRY ISSUING DOCUMENT, ONLY
THAT NATIONALITY, IF ANY, BE SHOWN.

2. DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM APOSTOLIC NUNZIATURA SEEM INDIC-
ATE THEY DO NOT RESTRICT USE OF PASSPORT TO ONLY OFFICIAL
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TRAVEL ON BEHALF OF VATICAN. BEARERS VATICAN PASSPORTS
MAY THEREFORE BE ISSUED APPROPRIATE NONIMMIGRANT VISAS WITH
VALIDITY ACCORDANCE APPENDIX C SCHEDULE FOR ITALY, NOTWITH-

STANDING THEY MAY NOT BE VATICAN NATIONALS OR THAT THEY MAY
BE PROCEEDING U.S. FOR PURPOSE OTHER THAN VATICAN BUSINESS.

3. NOTE 4 TO 22 CFR 41.124 INTENDED TO RESTRICT VISA
ISSUANCE TO ONLY ONE PASSPORT OF DUAL NATIONAL, BUT DOES
NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT ANY DUAL NATIONAL COULD

CONCEIVABLY OBTAIN VISAS IN BOTH PASSPORTS; CHOICE OF
PASSPORT TO BE VISAED STRICTLY QUESTION OF PERSONAL
PREFERENCE AND CAN ALSO BE CONSIDERED APPLY MEMBERS
VATICAN STAFF.

4. DEPT. OF OPINION THAT PRACTICE OF VISA ISSUANCE AS
NOTED PARA ONE OF REFTL MAY BE CONTINUED, AND THAT IN
VIEW FOREGOING EXPLANATION, SUGGESTED RESTRICTIONS
WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE. SISCO

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